



**City of Amesbury
Lakes and Waterways Commission
Meeting of Nov 21, 2013
Amesbury Health Center Cafeteria**

MEETING MINUTES:

Commission members present: Chairman Bruce Georgian, Alex Pooler, and Laura Pooler
Secretary: Ken Aspeslagh *City Engineer:* not present

The meeting began at 6:35 PM.

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes from October were approved unanimously.
2. **Engineer's Report:** Not present
3. **Watershed management plan:**
 - a. This report needs to be renewed. Still needs to be reviewed by the commission. Will be taken up at next meeting.
4. **Millyard update:** Questions on whether or not plans may change in the coming year. We will take wait-and-see approach.
5. **Membership:** Bruce is still trying to get more members interested.
 - a. Jay, Tom, Bernadette, Eric?
6. **Invasives:** Alex heard back from DCR in regards to his request for guidance about invasive controls. They asked him to be in touch with local lake associations such as Lake Attitash Association. Found out there is a law making it illegal to launch a contaminated boat. His contact is willing to do training with us in the future.
7. **Lakes Drawdown:** Lake Gardener is way down. Ken observed that Meadowbrook is way down too. This fall has been very dry.
8. **Bailey's Pond:** Development project got approval to go forward.
9. **Lake Association Updates:**
 - a. LGIA:
 - i. We did get the state grant to cover point source pollution improvements. A lot of it is to upgrade drainage on Whitehall Rd. Some matching is involved in the grant. Usually can be matched with in kind work by DPW.
 - ii. Beach Management Plan: Started by LGIA, but should be handled by Lakes & Waterways Commission. **Ken will send his outline to the group for feedback.** A complete management plan would spell out all things that will be done for the beach and trails, so that permission doesn't have to be granted on an ad hoc basis.
 - b. Lake Attitash: no update
10. **Other business:**
 - a. Election results: Should we be meeting with the outgoing Mayor. How can we introduce our Committee to the new Mayor? Should we invite him to a meeting?
11. **New Goals:**
 - a. Lake Gardner Management Plan
 - i. Owner: Ken: Completion Target: March 2014
 - b. Review of Watershed management plan.
 - i. Owner: Alex Completion Target: March 2014
 - c. Reaching out to new Mayor
 - i. Owner: Bruce Completion Target: February 2014

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next meeting is December 19th.